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LIAISON OFFICE AND DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE IN NAIROBI

REF: A) USCINCEUR 301636Z JUL 76, B) NAIROBI 8152, C)
NAIROBI 8255

1. WE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAVE NOTED AND
APPRECIATE FULLY YOUR PERSONAL EFFORT TO ESTABLISH SECURITY
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NAIROBI.

2. WE CONCUR WITH THE JUDGMENT EXPRESSED IN REFTEL C THAT THE ISSUE OF DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED TO THE POINT THAT THE KENYANS FEEL PUSHED AND SUGGEST THAT YOU LEAVE ANY FURTHER INITIATIVES TO THE KENYANS.

3. SHOULD GOK AT ANY LEVEL INDICATE A DESIRE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER, HOPE YOU WILL PLAY DOWN THE INFORMATION COLLECTION FUNCTION OF A DEFENSE ATTACHE, EMPHASIZING THE BENEFITS ACCRUING TO BOTH NATIONS OF AN OFFICER WHOSE PRIMARY DUTIES ARE TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE BETWEEN THE TWO MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS AND TO IMPROVE THE UNDERSTANDING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE MILITARY PROBLEMS OF THE OTHER NATION.

4. WE AND DOD HAVE AGREED THAT YOU ARE TO RESIST ANY AND EVERY ATTEMPT BY KENYANS TO COMBINE DAO FUNCTION WITH F-5 TECHNICAL LIAISON FUNCTION. RECENT LEGISLATION REQUIRES SEPARATION OF THE FUNCTIONS BY 1 OCTOBER 1977. F-5 LIAISON OFFICE WILL BE A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FIELD TEAM (TAFT) FUNCTIONING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT AS IMPLEMENTED BY DOD DIRECTIVE 5132.10 (COPY BEING POUCHED). ALL TAFT COSTS ARE TO BE REIMBURSED BY KENYA UNDER FMS PROCEDURES. DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE ALWAYS INTEGRAL ELEMENT OF AMERICAN EMBASSY AND OF UNLIMITED DURATION, AND USG BEARS ALL COSTS. TAFT WOULD ASSIST ON F-5 MATTERS ONLY, AND WOULD TERMINATE JUST AS SOON AS SUCH ASSISTANCE NO LONGER REQUIRED. DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY (DSAA) WILL REVIEW SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF TAFT AT LEAST ANNUALLY IN LIGHT OF KENYA'S REQUIREMENTS AND OUR OVERALL RELATIONS WITH KENYA. KISSINGER

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